

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 7 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Zhen and Chen at the interview held April 10, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

The Office Action objects to the January 30, 2004 drawings for not containing the phrase "replacement sheet." Submitted herewith are the replacement drawings with the requested notation. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Cheyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,851,115) in view of Tadokoro (U.S. Application No. 2002/0052796). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Cheyer and Tadokoro, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a cooperation instruction information creation device for creating cooperation instruction information to instruct cooperation of plural services on a network, wherein each of the plurality of services performs a specific processing on document data, as recited in independent claims 1 and 7.

The Office Action acknowledges that Cheyer fails to disclose cooperation instruction information device for creating cooperation instruction information to instruct cooperation of plural services on a network, wherein each of the plurality of services performs a specific processing on document data.

Tadokoro fails to cure the deficiencies of Cheyer. Specifically, Tadokoro discloses a method and system for providing electronic commerce and real-world services (i.e., Domino's Pizza delivery service) over a world wide web browser. In Figure 5, paragraph [0061], Tadokoro discloses a system 101 that stores user information 131 in a regularly accessible database/table format. In Figures 8 and 22, and paragraph [0068], Tadokoro discloses a database that stores geographical information about a user and the available consumer services accessible to the user within the user's geographic proximity. In paragraph [0069], Tadokoro also discloses a state code 804 that stores various states that occur when a user uses a service. For example, such states include log-in and log out and start and end times. However, Tadokoro does not disclose how such user information relates to the availability of document processing services. Thus, Tadokoro fails to cure the deficiencies of Cheyer because Tadokoro fails to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that acquires different services available to a user based on user information, as recited in independent claims 1 and 7.

Even if Tadokoro discloses updateable user information, one having ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine Cheyer and Tadokoro because Cheyer and Tadokoro are in two vastly different fields of endeavor. Tadokoro is directed towards the aggregation of services offered by companies located in a geographic proximity to a user. This aggregation allows a user to access and monitor available services through a world wide web browser. Tadokoro is not directed to the performance of specific processing services on document data through a network, as recited in independent claims 1 and 7.

Therefore, even if combined, Cheyer and Tadokoro fail to disclose or suggest cooperation instruction information creation device for creating cooperation instruction information to instruct cooperation of plural services on a network, wherein each of the

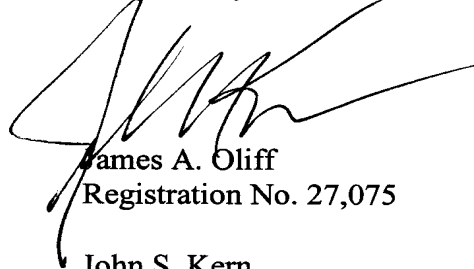
plurality of services performs a specific processing on document data, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 7.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2 and 6 depend from independent claim 1 and claims 8-10 depend from independent claim 7, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-20)

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